## BROOKLYN NEWS.

COUNTING THE BALLOTS.

LIVELY SESSIONS OF THE KINGS COUNTY

CANVASSING BOARD.

A WRANGLE OVER THE DISPOSITION OF CLERKS-FIGURES FROM THE FIRST

WARD FOR REGISTER. official count of the votes cast at the recent section continues a source of much interest and gives the Councilmen and Aldermen an opporunity for partisan harangue and vituperation. As soon as Chairman Ebbets called the meeting to erder yesterday morning Alderman Lang made a to reconsider the vote of a resolution cared the day before, whereby each Councilman and Alterman was permitted to have his clerk serve any district to which he may desire to assign him. The effect of the resolution was to allow each Councilman and Alderman to have his clerk wherever he went. This motion to reconsider yote was the result of a conference among the wherever he went. pemocrats, who had come to the opinion that if the clerks of the Councilmen and Aldermen, who estituted the Canvassing Board, were allowed to roam about the districts the canvass would be delayed, and the system in the count destroyed. The

notion came in the nature of a surprise to the Re can members of the Board, Councilman McGarry when the motion was made demanded: "What right has Alderman Lang to move for a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday? Did he vote in the affirmative on that motion yesterday?" he added, raising a point of par-

The Chair gravely replied that the laws of procebre had been complied with, and that Alderman las had voted in the affirmative on the question.
Who seconded the vote to reconsider?" queried derman Melanes. Councilman Hester," answered the Chairman, and he voted also in favor of the resolution yes-

erday. I desire to say," exclaimed Councilman s to say." exclaimed Councilman forical tones, as he advanced toward. "that I am sorry Alderman ing yesterday that he is ashamed not surprised at the resolution, as lar with the methods of the men I know the men whom the Chair e is no depth to which these men motion would not go in order to naige in this contest. They are than methods of changing things. ed that Mr. Lang, a man who has been e."

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After more accusations and recriminations the
metion to reconsider was carried by a strictly party
vote of 18 to 9. The Democrats voted in the ma-After more accusations and recriminations the motion to reconsider was carried by a strictly party vote of it to 9. The Democrats voted in the majority with the exception of Councilman McGarry. Some more parliamentary squabble was indulged in, and speeches on every subject were made except what were pertinent to the question before the house. As the resolution of the previous day had been reconsidered, a substitute resolution was adopted to the effect that the clerk of each Councilman and Alderman be directed to go to the districts where the Councilman and Alderman much be assigned.

The count was then proceeded with, and the result of the official count of the First Ward for Register gave the following figures: Gray, 1,305, and Howe, 2,649.

CONTESTS ON LONG ISLAND. Riverhead, Long Island, Nov. 16.-The Supervisors,

cting as a County Board of Canvassers, have completed the tabulation of the vote cast at the recent The contest for County Treasurer was the closest in the county. Sherry, Republican, received 5,816 votes, while Hildreth, Democrat, got 5,793. On the face of the returns Sherry wins by 23, but Hildreth has brought a contest and the matter will be settled in the courts.

Jamaica, Long Island, Nov. 16.-The Queens County Board of Canvassers has finished counting the vote for Assembly in the Hd District of Queens. The result shows that Gale, Democrat, has is plurality over McKnight, Republican. The returns were made up from the tally sheet turned in by the inspectors, but the soldier vote is yet to be canvassed. McKnight claims that errors have been made and that a recount will show that he is elected.

#### OBITUARY.

MRS. CATHARINE J. BENSON.

Mrs. Catharine J. Benson died on Wednesday at he home of her son-in-law, Jared J. Chambers. No. 601 Van Buren-st. She was the widow of seorge W. Benson, and was in her eightleth year. Mrs. Benson was a member of the Greene Avenue Mrs. Benson was a member of the Greene Avenue Baptist Church, and for many years one of its most active workers. She was of a kindly disposition, and was active in charitable work. She leaves a son, George W., and three daughters, Miss Mary A. Benson, Mrs. Catharine Cocheu and Mrs. Cornella B. Chambers, besides sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The fineral will be held this evening at the house, and the burial will take place to-morrow in the Odd Fellows' plot at Cypress Hills.

THE REV. ALOYSIUS STEFFEN.

The Rev. Aloysius Steffen, paster of St. Mary's Church, died in Winfield, Queens Borough, on Tuesday night. He had been in ill health for some rears He was a zealous worker, and continued to perform his duties up to within a short time of his death. The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's Church, Winfield. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery.

OFFICERS OF GRAHAM HOME ELECTED. The annual meeting of the trustees of the Graham Home for Old Ladies was held yesterday afternoon at the Home, No. 320 Washington-ave. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Adam presided at the meeting and the Rev. Frederick Burgess, of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, made an address. Mrs. Ruland, contraito soloist of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, sang two solos. The annual reports of the officers were read, the treasurer's report showing a balance of more than \$1.100, with three or four bills outstanding. At the close of the meeting a reception was held for the guests and invasions and the was served for the latter. and immates, and tea was served for the latter.

The officers of the Home are Mrs. William Howtag. first directress, president; Mrs. David Fairlanks, second directress, vice-president; Mrs. A.
C. Washington, treasurer; Miss Mary Howard,
reording secretary, and Mrs. William Smith, corre-

### GLEASON MAKES COMPLAINT.

Flushing, Nov. 16 .- Ex-Mayor P. J. Gleason, of Long Island City, to-day appeared before Magistrate Connorton here and complained against Dr. W. H. Nammack, of Rar Rockaway. Gleason ac cused him of assault, and in his complaint stated that on November 8 the physician punched him in the chest while he was in Miller's Hotel, in Long Island City, and also used abusive language to him. agistrate Connorton issued a summons. Glea-requested that Dr. Nammack be not arrested, ordered to appear before the Court. Magistrate norton said he would summon the doctor to be

Present on Saturday.

Dr. Nammack is well known in Far Rockaway
and is a Coroner's physician. He is a friend of
Markitate Edward Healey, of Far Rockaway, on
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carging. Politics is at the bottom of the whole carging. Ex-Mayor Gleason was yesterday officially discharged from the custody of the Sheriff of Queens County. For the last six months he had been a "prisoner" in the jail limits because he did not settle a judgment of \$2.260.00 obtained against him by ex-Police Captain Anthony S. Woods. Before the judgment was obtained Gleason had a bill quilely passed by the Legislature which extended the jail limits so that they would be the same as the limits of the county. The new law saved Gleason from being placed in a cell, and he had the freedom of Queens County during his "imprisonment." The six months he was compelled to remain in the jail limits expired yesterday. Gleason drove up to the Sheriff's office and was formally discharged, and the bonds he furnished that he would not leave the county were invalidated.

The Sheriff will return to the "County Clerk as unsatisfied the judgment against the ex-Mayor, and it will be recorded.

#### AN ALLEGED SWINDLER HELD.

George W. Johnson, alias John Thompson, alias P. Lawton, alias P. Hartley, one of the five alleged swindlers arrested a few days ago, was arraigned before Magistrate Brenner yesterday in the Adams-at. police court on the charge of having swindled the Brooklyn Trust Company out of \$350 on September 16 last. He pleaded not guilty, and was held at first in \$2,000 ball for a hearing next Monas, One of Pinkerton's men in the courtroom handed the Magistrate a paper, which is said to have been the record of the prisoner. At any rate the Magistrate called the prisoner back and raised the ball to \$2,500. As he was not able to furnish the ball he was locked up. He said his age was thirty-two years, occupation a clerk, and that he was single.

The complaint against Johnson, or Thompson, is made by the cashier of the Brooklyn Trust Campany, Frank L. Townsend.

WHITESTONE MINISTER RESIGNS.

The Rev. C. S. M. Stewart, rector of Grace Episco-Whitestone, has sent his resignation to the trustees of the church. His reason for realgning has not been made public. Mr. Stewart has been pastor of Grace Church for more than fifteen Fears, and he was installed as rector of the church listreen years ago. Mr. Stewart expects to sail for Europe in the first week in January. TO RECLAIM MORE LAND.

A FILLER FOR LONG ISLAND CITY SWAMP LAND.

Work is about to be begun by the New-York Land and Warehouse Company in reclaiming more of the swamp lands in the Long Island City district of Queens. The whole city, almost as far back as Dutch Kills, has been reclaimed, and where the most thickly built up portion of the city now stands the tide rose and fell in the salt marshes. The section now to be reclaimed lies back of this, and along Newtown Creek and near the proposed terminus of the Blackwell's Island Bridge. The bridge is sometimes styled the Astoria bridge, because the residents have been seeking to have its eastern end in that district, but it is said the officials are favorable to the plan of having it end near Blissville,

in the direction of Calvary Cemetery. The Land and Warehouse Company owns about The Land and Warehouse Company owns about 6,250 city lots in that district, which are now under water most of the year. The city laid out and filled in streets through some of the land, and in some places as much as fourteen and filteen feet of filling was done for street purposes, thus leaving the lots that much below the street level. Besides these sunken lots the company owns millions of cubic feet of earth in the Blissville hill, where it rises suddenly from the swamp land. Blissville hill is the one on which Calvary Cemetery is located.

cated.

The Flower estate owns land adjoining, and is The Flower estate owns land adjoining, and is bringing to a close a similar work, by which it transferred earth enough from land it owned on the hill to the sunken lands to reclaim seventy acres of the swamp and fit it for business and building purposes.

There are no engineering difficulties to overcome. The hill is to be graded down so that the ascent will be easy for teams. The present plans are to reclaim 500 acres of the swamp lands, and in doing this many acres on the hillside will be made available.

#### THE BOYNTON ROAD SOLD.

A SYNDICATE COMES INTO POSSESSION OF THE OLD BICYCLE RAILROAD.

The Brighton and Bensonhurst Electric Railroad Company, better known as the Boynton road, at Coney Island, was sold yesterday to a syndicate for, it is said, \$25,000. The McNulty & Fitzgerald Com pany, of Montague-st., were brokers for Henry W. Slocum and Chauncey Marshall, who conveyed the entire bond and stock issues of the railroad, \$50,000 first mortgage bonds and \$200,000 stock, with a quit claim deed from George Hoffman, of all the company's real estate and any claims it may have in any direction.

At the office of the McNulty & Fitzgerald Company it was said that the syndicate was composed of Brooklyn men, but no names were given out. It also seemed to be thought that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company would be the ultimate owner, using the road to connect Bensonhurst, Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton with Brighton Beach, and from there through Avenue U with Bergen Beach. President Rossiter said yesterday regarding this report that he knew nothing of the sale, though he knew the road was on the market, as it had been offered to him. He said that he found the property so covered with taxes that it did not seem worth while to bother with it.

This bicycle railroad was built for experimental purposes, and has long been abandoned. Whatever franchise rights the road possesses, and they alone make the property of any value, are owned by the Brighton and Bensonhurst Electric Railroad Company. The company's bonds are signed by Henry Rapid Transit Company would be the ultimate

pany. The company's bonds are signed by H W. Slocum as president and George Hoffman as

#### EXHIBITION BY MINERAL PAINTERS.

A FINE DISPLAY PROMISED BY LOVERS OF CERAMICS.

The Brooklyn Society of Mineral Painters hold its annual reception and exhibition at the Pouch Gallery, Clinton-ave., near Gates-ave., on December 5 and 6. It is expected to be an unusually fine one this year, as work intended for the Paris Exposition will be shown, as well as much of the work which was exhibited at the National League of Mineral Painters' reception in Chicago last May and at the Omaha Exposition in the summer. All interested in ceramics are cordially welcome.

#### SEARCHING FOR HEIRS.

PROPERTY IN CALIFORNIA WAITING FOR RELA TIVES OF JOSEPH LAWRENCE

The following letter, directed to the Mayor of Flushing, Long Island, and dated at Grass Valley. Cal. was turned over to the Bureau of Information at Police Headquarters, Manhattan, yesterday morning:

There is a little property in this State belonging to Joseph Lawrence, deceased, and it is desirable that the heirs should be found, to prevent escheat-ment to the State. I am told the relations of the deceased at one time lived in New-York City, and ment to the State. I am tond the state of the ment to the State. I am tond the state of the stat

### DOLLS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES.

There will be a special meeting in the banque all of the Clarendon Hotel this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, of the Doll Committee of the Christmas Tree Society. It is earnestly requested that there may be a large attendance, as the work of dressing three thousand dolls has begun in earnest, and the women are working like beavers. Mrs. Huyler, No. 254 Putnam-ave, will have a sample doll to show. A low estimate will be given. The com-mittee may call for dolls to dress at the home of Miss Alice J. Post, No. 10 Arlington Place.

### BOY SHOT BY A BOY.

Albert Strauss, twelve years old, living with his parents at No. 175 Steinway-ave., Astoria, was shot and badly injured yesterday by August Jacobs, thirteen years old, of No. 159 Newtown Road. Strauss and some other boys were teasing Jacobs, and, it is alleged, stoned him. He was driving to his home. On reaching there he ran inside and taking a shotgun belonging to one of his relatives pointed it at the boys who had been tormenting him. He fired, and a part of the charge of birdshot the gun contained penetrated Strauss's flesh about the body. Dr. Cassidy attended the wounded bey and took him to St. John's Hospital. The In-jury is not considered fatal. Jacobs was locked up.

### U. S. GRANT POST'S DINNER.

The associate members of U. S. Grant Post No 327 received their tenth annual complimentary dinner by the post last evening at the house of the Montauk Club, Eighth-ave., near Flatbush-ave John L. Baker, chairman of the Dinner Committee, John L. Baker, chairman of the Dinner Committee presided, and at his right sat Captain John T Long, a Union Army veteran, while at his left sat Major William M. Robbins, a Confederate veteran and one of the Government Commissioners in charge of the National Park at Gettysburg.

### DR. STORRS'S HEALTH IMPROVING.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Salter Storrs, the venerable pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, who through ill health has been unable to preach for the last few weeks, has greatly improved, and his doctors say that within a short time he will be able to resume all of his duties again.

KINGS COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS. The twenty-second annual convention of the Kings County Sunday Schools was held yesterday in the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church. A number of representatives from the various Sunday school organizations throughout the county were present George W. Logan, chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a report, in which he said that there are in the county 351 schools, with a membership of 139,823 officers, teachers and pupils, Of this number 200 schools and 85,000 officers, teach-ers and pupils belong to the Brooklyn Sunday School Union.

School Union.

In the afternoon addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. A. H. Moment, the Rev. Dr. Kent and the Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin. Other addresses were made in the evening and a number of resolutions were passed. The following were the officers of the convention: President, Russell W. McKee; vice-presidents, Ray P. Carter, H. W. E. Sharot, Henry Von Glahn; secretaries, W. H. Brown and John F. Hill. vice-president Henry Von C John F. Hill.

#### SUFFOLK'S GOOD ROADS. Riverhead, Long Island, Nov. 16.-There was a

meeting in the Courthouse here last night in the interest of good roads. A number of persons made addresses telling the advantages of good roads and explaining that they would develop Eastern Long Island quicker than any other improvement. President William H. Baldwin of the Long Island Radiroad urged the building of new roads, and H. B. Fullerton and Louis Edwards, who are holding good roads meetings in various villages, also spoke in favor of the project,

### FOOTBALL PLAYER INJURED.

Alfred Swan, seventeen years old, of No. 622 Carlton-ave., received a fracture of the collar bone yes terday afternoon while engaged in a game of football at the Prospect Park parade ground between two teams of the Brooklyn High School. He was attended by Surgeon Buckley and removed to the Seney Hospital.

PART OF BLISSVILLE HILL TO BE USED AS LONG ISLAND AND RAPID TRANSIT EN-GINES IN A SMASH AT ROCKA-

WAY JUNCTION. Jamaica, Long Island, Nov. 16 .- Conductor J. R. Wood, of the Long Island Railroad, was killed at Rockaway Junction, one mile east of this place, early to-day in a collision. A train from Long Isiand City for Hempstead, drawn by engine No. 72, in charge of Engineer William Mangan, ran into engine No. 232 of the Rapid Transit system. This engine was in charge of Engineer Morton, and Conductor Wood was riding in the cab. Engine No. 232 had been on a side track, but was switched onto

Engineer Mangan, of the Hempstead train, had received a clear signal, and did not know that the light engine was in front of his until it was too late to prevent the accident. Morton and his fireman caped injury by jumping, but Conductor Wood did not have time to jump. He was thrown from the engine by the collision, and his back was broken. He died in a few hours.

Both locomotives were badly damaged, the Rapid Transit engine being almost completely wrecked. Transit engine being aimost completely wrecked. Conductor E. Wilson, of the Hempstead train, went among the few passengers and learned that Mrs. C. F. Le Mont, of Hempstead, had been thrown from her seat and bruised. She was the only passenger hurt, although the others were shaken up by the force of the collision.

The Long Island Railroad officials are investigating to determine who was responsible for permit-

ng to determine who was responsible for permit-ling the Rapid Transit engine to leave the siding fier a clear signal had been given the Hempstead rain, which is sometimes called the "theatre rain." Coroner Rouff granted a permit for the removal of Conductor Wood's body to his home. No. 798 Pacific-st., Brooklyn. He was about forty-eight years old and a widower. He was on his way home when killed.

### DEATH CAUSED BY ANTHRAX.

A LONGSHOREMAN FALLS A VICTIM TO A RARE DISEASE.

The death of Philip Cooney, twenty-six years old, of No. 24 Atlantic-ave., on Tuesday, in the Long Island College Hospital, has attracted the attention of the medical profession by reason of the peculiar disease which caused his death. disease was diagnosed as anthrax, from which only six people have died in Brooklyn in the last twentyfive years. Cooney was a longshoreman, and the

five years. Cooney was a longshoreman, and the disease is peculiar to them, as it is asserted by physicians that it is contracted from the bacillus of anthrax, usually found in hides and other commodities which come from Southern ports.

Cooney was unloading hides and hay from a vessel, and one day he suffered from a small pimple on the left side of the neck, near the underpart of the jaw. Soon afterward his neck began to swell, and the glands of the neck began to swell, and the glands of the neck began markedly invoived. He was removed to the hospital, where the physicians diagnosed the disease is malignant pustule. Although the best remedies were administered the man died. The cause of death, as stated on the certificate, was malignant cedema, due to malignant pustule.

long shaft of the paddle, when the back of his jumper caught in a projecting nut of the shaft while it was making about twenty revolutions a minute

Still was whirled around the shaft a number of times, his feet at each revolution striking the floor and roof of the engine room with much force. A large cooking stove near the shaft was demoished by Still's feet. Still held his head close to his

ished by Still's feet. Still held his head close to his body to keep free of the floor and roof, and shouted for help, but his cries were not heard.

Captain Dayton, who was in the wheelhouse, noticing the peculiar action of the machinery, went to the engine room and saw what was the matter. Although in a perilous position Still gave directions to him as to how to stop the machinery. Still's coolness prevented his instant death, for he realized that his only hope was to keep his head in such a position that it would escape striking the floor while he was being whirled around the shaft. After Still had been taken from the shaft it was found that his right leg and arm were broken, his body was cut and bruised and his cititling was torn into shreds. He is in a critical condition.

#### DEATH OF HENRY APPEL.

DOCTORS SAY THE PUGILIST WAS IN NO CON-DITION TO ENTER THE RING.

Henry Apfel, the puglisst, who, since a fall while fighting last Saturday night with John Fox at the Pelican Athletic Club, Third-ave, and Sixty-fifthst., had been lying in an unconscious condition at the Norwegian Hospital, died there at an early yesterday morning. Late in the ar Dr. Emil F. Hartung and Dr. Charles Wuest, Coroner's physicians, made an autopsy. Their verdict was that death was due to concussion of the brain, hastened by a complication of kidney trouble.

John Fox, who was arrested and discharged on Monday, gave himself up at the Fourth-ave. police station yesterday afternoon. Five other were made on Sunday of attaches of the Pellcan Athletic Club. They were all released on bond, and will be brought before the Magistrate again on next

Tuesday.

Some say that Apfel's fall came about through stumbling, while others say that it was due to a blow from his opponent. The doctors at the hospital, however, say that the man was in no physical condition to go into the ring. Apfel's home was at No. 285 Avenue B. Manhattan.

### OFFICES AND CANDIDATES.

ROY LIKELY TO SUCCEED JOHN J. WALSH AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

It is said that ex-Assistant United States District Attorney Robert H. Roy has been chosen to succeed John J. Walsh as Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Walsh was elected a Municipal Judge at the recent election. The leaders have considered Roy on ac-count of the good run he made for the Assembly against Edward C. Brennan in the XVIth Assemagainst Edward C. Brennan in the XVIth Assembly District. Mr. Boy was at one time a Shepardite, but is now considered to have gone back to the ranks of the regulars.

Among the other candidates for the place are John Naumer and Civil Justice Adolph H. Goetting, who failed of re-election.

The appointments of Deputy Commissioner of Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, and of the assistants in the District Attorney's office under John F. Clarke have not been made public.

### FUNERAL OF JOHN D. PRAY.

The funeral of John Dikeman Pray, who died on Tuesday, was held yesterday at 12:30 o'clock, the burial being in Greenwood. Mr. Pray formerly lived at No. 80 Columbia Heights, but had recently moved to No. 68 Hancock-st. He was born sixty-two years ago in a house in Washington-st., the site of which is now occupied by the Columbia Theatre. He attended Public School No. 1, and after being graduated from college studied law with Judge John Dikeman, an uncle, being admitted to the John Dikeman, an uncle, being admitted to the bar in 1851. For years Mr. Pray was the junior partner of the firm of Pray. Knaebel & Pray, and held the office of Assistant Corporation Counsel under William C. De Witt. His greatest success was as a consulting counsel, although he attained an enviable reputation as a lawyer in litigated cases. Ill health had prevented him from taking much active practice of late years, but his fatal illness was of six months standing.

Mr. Pray was one of the original members of the Hamilton Club, whose flag was at halfmast yesterday in honor of his memory. He was a bachelor.

INDICTED MEN SURRENDER THEMSELVES. James Kenney and William Jeroloman surrendered themselves yesterday morning and were placed under \$2,000 and \$3,000 ball respectively by United States Commissioner Benedict. Kenney is the truckman indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for having stolen metal from the Navy Yard, and Jeroloman is said to have been a confederate. Both men were held for the Grand Jury.

#### HENRY M. CUMMINGS FINED. Henry M. Cummings, the law partner of John U. Shorter, was convicted of violating Section 571 of

the Penal Code, in the Court of Special Sessions on Wednesday. This section refers to secreting, disposing of, selling or removing mortgaged property.

Mr. Cumming was sentenced to pay a fine of &cor work for twenty days in the Kings County Pententiary. He paid the fine and was released from

OFFICERS OF THE INVINCIBLE CLUB. The following officers have been nominated to

be voted on at the annual meeting of the Invincible Club, to be held at the clubhouse, No. 78 Herkimer-st., next month: President, S. L. Brinley; mer-st., next month: President, S. L. Brinley; vice-president, S. P. Risley; second vice-president, F. W. Relyea; treasurer, R. H. Clarke; secretary, Percy C. Fisher; assistant financial secretary. William Garvin; counselor, W. E. Bullard; librarian, L. Lafayette Fawcett.

The membership of the club is now 706, and hereafter the initiation fee will be \$10. A reception for women will be held at the clubhouse, on Wednesday evening, November 29.

## CONDUCTOR KILLED IN COLLISION. NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

TAXATION OF FRANCHISES.

AN IMPORTANT REPORT SHOWING THAT SUCH ASSESSMENTS ARE

PRACTICABLE. Trenton, Nov. 16 (Special).-Charles C. Black, of the State Board of Taxation, has incorporated a chapter on the subject of the taxation of public franchises in the Board's annual report, which has just been presented to Governor Voorhees. His attitude and sentiments on the question have the approval of the entire Board. In view of the consideration which the matter is receiving throughout the State, especially in

Hudson, Camden and some of the other larger counties, this contribution to the report is considered of much importance. Mr. Black says: sidered of much importance. Mr. Black says:
In corporations four elements of taxable property value are sometimes found. First, franchises; second, corporate property; third, bonds and shares of the capital stock in the hands of the individual stockholder; fourth, capital stock in the hands of the corporation. Each of these elements is, under some circumstances, an appropriate subject for taxation, and it is within the power of the State, when expressed by legislative enactment and not restrained by constitutional limitation, to assess taxes upon each of them, even though it may subject the corporation or shareholders to double taxation. Double taxation is not unconstitutional, but in the absence of express legislation to that effect it will not be presumed.

HOW COMPORATIONS ARE TAXED.

#### HOW CORPORATIONS ARE TAXED.

Mr. Black quotes the law of the State to show the existing method of taxing corporations, which is that of assessing the property held by the corporation and not its capital stock. He differentiates between franchises granted to corporations to engage in business and franchises such as the privilege of using ic streets.

He points out that steam railroads under the law of 1884 are assessed by the State Board of Assessors upon the true value of their fran-chises, while other corporations pay no franchise tax except that imposed by way of license to do business, and which confers no monopoly right, as the privilege of becoming incorporated is not limited.

Referring to companies which acquire public franchises, such as street railway companies, telephone and telegraph companies, gas, water and electric light companies, Mr. Black says that they, by reason of the character of the business done, become natural monopolies, and he adds that their success and consequently the value of the franchise is dependent upon and made by the people of the community in which they operate. Their use of public property may be called a special or public franchise, to distinguish it from the corporate franchise. TAXATION OF FRANCHISES PRACTICABLE.

The two points involved in this question, Mr. Black says, are: First, is it just to tax this AN ENGINEER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

STEAMBOAT MAN'S COOLNESS SAVED HIS

LIFE—AN ARM AND A LEG BROKEN.

Patchogue, Long Island, Nov. 16.—Emmet Still, engineer of the Nassau Oyster Company's steamer Curlosity, plying in Great South Bay, had a narrow escape from death in the engine room of the steamer last evening. He tried to crawl under the long shaft of the paddle, when the back of his jumper caught in a projecting nut of the shaft for the use of the districts. In some cases the public franchise as property, as a source of

is given upon condition of the payment of fees for the use of the districts. In some cases the payments are grossly inadequate to the privileges granted. That it is as practical to tax these franchises as it is to tax any other class of property can hardly be denied. It has been done in many States without objection or resistance. The taxation of the railroad franchises in this State under the act of 1884 is a case in point. That some of these companies operate in one or more taxing districts would not be a valid objection to such a system of taxation, as the amount equitably to be paid to each taxing district could be determined by the State Board of Taxation without additional legislation. In conclusion Mr. Black calls attention to the New-York law of 1889 taxing public franchises as property, for the use of the municipalities in which they are granted.

VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.

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The report states that the total assessed value of real and personal property taxable locally for all purposes in the State of New-Jersey for the year 1899 is as follows:

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Total \$1,223,815,062 Increase over 1898, net gain \$21,664,863 Increase in personal property 2,042,616 Real estate increase 17,803,683 Total valuation of exempt property 97,093,589 School property 31,843,810	Evernot property	224,284,782 97,096,589
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Nemeteries 3,877,740
Veterans, firemen and militia 9,816,906 The counties reporting an increase are Hudson, Camden, Essex, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean (principally the township of Lakewood), Passalc, Somerset, Sussex and Union, while a decrease is shown in the agricultural counties of Bergen, Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Salem and Warren, and the seaside properties of Cape May.

#### ASSESSMENTS IN ESSEX AND HUDSON. Regarding the assessments in Essex and Hud-

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Regarding the assessments in Essex and Hudson counties the report says:

In Hudson County there is a County Board of Equalization, created by the Act of 1873. This is the only county in which such a board exists. It has jurisdiction to equalize the county and State school tax among the various taxing districts of the county and to hear complaints from individual taxpayers. In Jersey City in particular, and throughout the county there has been great improvement in the method of assessment. The methods adopted by the Jersey City assessors are painstaking, careful and accurate. The other taxing districts of Hudson County, with the exception of Guttenburg, in the north part, are lower than Jersey City in their valuations.

Substantially the same condition of facts exists in Essex County as in Hudson. In Newark the Tax Board of that city makes the assessments with intelligence, care and justice. The ratables of Newark for 1899 show an increase of about \$6,000,000 over those of 1883. The taxing districts of Essex County, outside of Newark, are not up to the standard of valuations as made in that city, nor are they made with as much care and judgment. In the Oranges the valuations do not exceed 50 to 50 oranges the valuations do not exceed 50 to 50 oranges the valuations do not exceed 50 to 50 orange Board of Assessors, as they have appeared before this Board in appeals filed from that city have shown a disposition to assess the property of carporations at a higher percentage than that of individuals. The increase of the assessments of the county of Essex for the year 1859 over those of 1858 is \$8,480,595.

### AN AGED ACTRESS HURT.

Plainfield, Nov. 16 (Special).-Mrs. Jennie Fisher, a retired actress, now over eighty years old, is confined to her home, in West Second-st., suffering from injuries sustained in falling downstairs yesterday. In hurrying downstairs to meet the letter carrier and give him a letter, she slipped and fell, breaking her right arm and bruising herself so seriously that she will be confined to her bed for some time. Mrs. Fisher has played with some of the noted English actors. She has lived in Plainfield for several years. retired actress, now over eighty years old, is con

### STILL SEEKING A PASTOR.

Perth Amboy, Nov. 16 (Special) .- Perth Amboy Presbyterians are beginning to despair of securing a pastor. Since the resignation of the Rev. George B. Van Dyke, in February 1898, the church has been without a regular pastor. The Rev. H. G. Mendenhall came from Kansas City, Kan., and was elected to the pastorate but before he could be installed he resigned. Last night the congregation was called together to note on the question of calling the Rev. Joseph Brown Turner, of Dover, Del. Mr. Turner had expressed a willingness to accept a call, but just before the hour set for the meeting a message was received from Mr. Turner announcing that he had reconsidered his decision and feared that he would not be wise in accepting the pastorate of the church. securing a pastor. Since the resignation of the

#### A FORTUNE IN PHOSPHATE. From The Memphis Scimitar.

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The Hon. E. W. Carmack a few days ago was speaking of some of the good things that had happened in the recently discovered phosphate fields in his old county of Maury, this State. He mentioned the extreme good fortune which had come to Will Howard, who lives some miles out in the country from Columbia. It seems that Howard pere had loaned a man \$4.000 on a small farm in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood. This was only a few years ago, but before the time of the mining fever. The borrower had been in fair circumstances, but he could not meet the note, and was compelled to give Mr. Howard the farm for debt. The lender thought that he got very much the worse of the bargain, and finally gave the farm to his son, Will. It was not long after this that phosphate became the thing of that section, and Howard fils was offered \$100,000 for the \$4.000 farm. This he very promptly refused, and was considering an offer of \$250,000 for the property when along came a big syndicate, with an offer to assume the mining of the mineral for a royalty per ton, and under conditions that they should mine a certain number of tons per month for six years. If the company keeps its contract Mr. Howard will have an income of \$1,000 a day from the \$4,000 despised farm for the six years, and if the company does what it is figuring on as an output, his income will be \$60 per cent larger.

#### CAR PLUNGES INTO A BROOK.

SOME OF THEM MUCH INJURED. Passaic, Nov. 16 (Special).-Car No. 50 on the White line left the track at Weazel Brook this afternoon and plunged into the water. The accident occurred just outside the city limits, where there is a steep hill and a sharp turn. The car was going toward Paterson at a high speed. was going toward Paterson at a night speed. An axie broke and the car left the track, leaping into the brook with one bound.

There were only seven persons on the car, and they were badly shaken and several were seri-

Charles Sudder, the conductor, had his back in-The motorman, Michael Morrissey, of this city,

had his arm broken.

Nicholas Kip, of Wallington, was hurled through a window and was seriously cut and Mrs. Kip was also hurt.

The injured persons were taken to the home of Ernest Fife, in Highland-ave., this city, where they are being cared for.

The others hurt were Mrs. Henry Kuemmel and her daughter, Miss Flora, of Passaic. Mrs. Kuemmel's infant son was the only passenger

who escaped without a scratch. The car was badly blocked for two hours, as there is only one track at this point.

#### NEW ORDERS ON THE CENTRAL.

EMPLOYES' PASSES NOT TO BE GOOD BEYOND

Plainfield, Nov. 16 (Special).-An order has been issued by the Central Railroad of New-Jersey that after the first of the year the passes given to employes of the railroad will not be good beyond Dunellen. The intention is said to be to compet the employes to live within twenty-five miles of Jersey City, as the railroad officials believe it will be for the best interests of the company to have them where they can be called to duty in cases of emergency with the least possible delay.

The order issued some time ago directing day telegraph operators of the road to wear uniforms when on duty has been recalled. It is said that the reason for this was the strong opposition of the Telegraphers' Union. A uniform of a new style is being designed for the conductors of the road. after the first of the year the passes given to em-

#### HELD HIS PURSUERS AT BAY.

GLASSBLOWERS DISTURB A BURGLAR AND CHASE HIM, BUT HE GETS AWAY.

Williamstown, Nov. 16 (Special) .- A band of glassblowers on their way from the Bodine Glass Works after their night's work, at 3 o'clock this morning. after their night's work, at 3 o'clock this morning, discovered a light in the postoffice. They investigated, and a man jumped out of an open window and ran off. The workmen followed him through town, and he led them a swift pace to an open field on the outskirts. As the men were gaining upon the fleeing burglar he stopped, wheeled deliberately around and whipped out a revolver. "Come a foot further and you are dead men," he said. The glassblowers did not care to die for Uncle Sam and they halted. The burglar backed across the field and disappeared in the woods. He had packed up a lot of letters and postal cards and stamps at the postoffice, but had left them in his hurried flight.

#### MUST STAY IN JAIL THIS TIME.

RECORDER STANTON WILL LISTEN TO NO MORE PLEAS FOR A TIPPLING PREACHER.

The Rev. Car. Rumpf, the Lutheran clergyman, who has been sent to jail six or seven times for intoxication, was arraigned before Recorder E. R. Stanton, of Hoboken, yesterday, on complaint of his wife. A week ago the Recorder ordered Rumpf his wife. A week ago the Recorder ordered Rumpf committed to the penitentiary for a term of three months, but Mrs. Rumpf, who caused his arrest, pleaded so hard for his release that the Recorder relented and ordered his discharge on the following day. Rumpf went home after promising that he would behave himself and swear off. According to his landlord, the clersyman in a few days became intoxicated with money which he secured from his wife. Late Wednesday night Rumpf abused his wife, and threatened to set the house on fire. He viciously fought Policemen Hildeman and Delaney, who arrested him. The Recorder, in sending him to the County Jail for three months yesterday, said that he will listen to no appeal for the man's release and will insist that he shall serve out his term.

### NURSES GRADUATED.

TWENTY-ONE RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AND FOUR-

Orange, Nov. 16 (Special).-The seventeenth annual graduating exercises of the Orange Training School for Nurses were held this evening in Union Hall. After a prayer by the Rev. Lewis Cam-eron, of South Orange, the class history was read eron, of South Orange, the class history was read by Miss Susan E. Evans and the valedictory by Miss Frances Brockenbrough, and the Rev. Dr. Amory H. Bradford, of Montclair, and Dr. Thomas W. Harvey made addresses. The diplomas were presented by Mrs. J. Walter Wood, president of the school. The graduates were Florence A. Shipman, Helen C. Oldright, Eulaile M. Cook, Harriet Staples, Elizabeth O. Tappan, Louise Rhinesmith, Amy H. Phillips, Mattle M. Glashan, Jennie M. Stage, Florence A. Washington, May Etherlington, Julia R. Davis, Helen A. Stevens, Edith O. Tye, Helen d'A. Stephen, Matilda McNelly, Anna G. Hannas, Elizabeth Geyer, Frances Brockenbrough, Susan E. Evans and Jennie Strickland.

The red seal was affixed to the diplomas of the following graduates: Martha J. Fairly, Annetta Graham, Rose Hoffman, Millie F. Clarkson, Margaret McQuade, Anna J. Shaw, Nellie A. Norwood, Grace A. Hobbs, Alleen Leslie, Gertrude P. Parry, Mary A. Lake, S. Irene Yerkes, Edith Blanchette and Anna Reinhold.

### POLITICIANS GREATLY INTERESTED.

THEY WANT A SITE IN WHICH THEY ARE INTER

ESTED FOR THE JERSEY CITY HIGH SCHOOL A site is to be purchased for a new high school in Jersey City, and it is astonishing how deeply interested influential citizens have become. The Finance Board requested the new High School Committee of the Board of Education to select a site, but it was restricted to a section within a short radius of the County Court House. This was the first peculiar movement. The committee suggested a large tract on the brow of the hill, at Newark and Palisades aves., a fine site, which commands a view of the river and harbor. The cost of the property, it is said, will be about \$75,000\$. The Board of Education approved of the site as superior to all the others offered.

Only one member objected. Director Hulshizer, manager of the Real Estate Trust Company, whose objection was that it was not a good time to sell bonds. But it has developed that prominent politicians are now active and are endeavoring to have a site in which they are interested purchased, and are bringing powerful pressure to bear to secure the rejection of the recommendation of the Board of Education and the selection of another piece of property that is not so large or as well situated as that suggested.

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### SOLD A MORTGAGED SLOOP.

Perth Amboy, Nov. 16 (Special).—A constable came to Perth Amboy to-day from Bridgeport, Conn., and seized the sloop Addie Watts, under a chattel mortgage given by Charles B. Root. Root recently brought the sloop to Perth Amboy from Bridgeport and sold it to Matthies Peterson for a small sum. The mortgage was for more than the present value of the sloop, Peterson charges Root with fraud, and has

brought suit to recover his money. The mortgage was recorded at Bridgeport and Root says that Peterson should have looked up the records before buying the craft. THORNY THE WAY OF THE PEACEMAKER. George Reuter and Miss Fehrens were married in Jersey City on Sunday last. The bride and her Jersey City on Sunday last. The bride and her brother Ferderick were not on speaking terms. Reuter endeavored to effect a reconciliation, but became involved in a quarrel with his brother-in-law and assaulted him. Reuter was before Justice Potts yesterday for the assault. His brother-in-law relented, but the Court convicted Reuter and suspended sentence on payment of costs.

#### ARRESTED IN TROY The Jersey City police were informed yesterday

of the arrest of Clarence V. Newton, eighteen years old, at his mother's home in Troy, N. Y. Newton visited his aunt, Mrs. Moody, of No. 3,206 Boulevard-ave., Jersey City, and when he disappeared ten Gays ago 1359 and diamond jewelry, valued at 1890, vanished. He has been indicted, and will be brought to Jersey City on requisition.

A FATHER SENDS HIS SONS TO PRISON. William Jensen, nineteen years old, and his brother, Charles, eighteen years old, were convicted yesterday of having stolen jewelry valued at \$400 from their stepmother. Their father, who lives in Jersey City, was the complainant. William endeavored to save his brother from going to prison by pleading that he was the thief, but it was shown that Charles had pawned some of the jewelry. They were remanded for sentence.

### JERSEY KEEPS THE TROPHY.

Passaic, Nov. 16 (Special).-The Executive Committee of the New-Jersey State Rifle Association met yesterday in the office of Secretary Root, in New-York, and awarded the Hilton trophy to the New-Jersey team. The Georgia team withdrew its protest, thus putting an end to the fight for the trophy.

### CHEAPER GAS ASSURED.

SEVEN PERSONS BADLY SHAKEN UP AND PASSAIC'S MAYOR SIGNS THE CONTRACT-

CHEAPER WATER PROMISED. Passaic, Nov. 16 (Special).-Mayor Howe to-day signed the new contract with the Paterson and Passale Gas and Electric Lighting Company. By this the city gets cheaper rates and the price of gas to consimers is reduced from \$1.50 a thousand feet to \$1.25 and further reduction will be made each year, so that the city will have dollar gas in 1903.

Ex-Mayor Andrew McLean's offer to form a company to furnish gas to consumers at 50 cents will be explained before the special meeting of the Council to-morrow evening.

Councilman John A. Parker says the committee on better and cheaper water 's hard at work, and will soon have several plans to offer. The Acquackanonk Witer Company says it is about ready to lower the rates, in fulfilment of its promise made six months ago.

#### MAJOR LENTZ TESTIFIES.

HE EXPLAINS THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND ASKS TO HAVE THE CASE BROUGHT UP AT ONCE.

Testimony in the disbarment proceedings against Major Carl Lentz, of Newark, was heard yesterday by Supreme Court Commissioner Walter J. Knight, at Newark. Attorney General Gray appeared to prosecute the rule to show cause on peared to prosecute the rule to show cause on behalf of the Supreme Court. Major Lentz was represented by Samuel Kalisch, of Newark. It was agreed that the testimony taken before the Ethics Committee of the Lawyers Club in the case should be accepted, subject to conditions, and that exculpatory letters from Major Lentz's clients should also be accepted. Testimony was first given by Ferdinand Muller, the Rev. Aloysius Stecker, Halsey M. Barrett, Commissioner Charles Herr, Mrs. Catharine Ost and Philemon Woodruff. The evidence was a repetition of what has already appeared.

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Major Lentz appeared as a witness in his own behalf and explained the transactions involved. "I never misappropriated a penny," said the witness. "I guessed at some of the accounts due creditors." he added in regard to one case, "and as a matter of fact I was \$250 or \$490 out of pocket." Major Lentz explained in detail all the charges against him some of them complicated, and gave reasons for his delay in different cases. "I don't owe a man a dollar, Mr. Attorney General," said Major Lentz, "and no man has an unsatisfied claim against me."

The Attorney General said that the evidence was closed. Major Lentz asked as a favor that the case be brought at once before the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General replied that he would try to have the case brought up soon.

#### DECLINES TO TAKE THE HOME.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS REFUSES TO MAKE THE ORDER RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS MAINTENANCE.

Treaton, Nov. 16.-The New-Jersey Grand Lodge to have the Grand Lodge assume control of the Od! Fellows' Home, in this city. The Home is now maintained by an association embracing 64 of the 225 subordinate lodges in the State, the other lodges having the privilege of Joining the association. The committee to which the matter was referred last year made a minority and majority report. The majority report, signed by four of the five members, advised against the Grand Lodge assuming control, and gave as a reason that it would cost \$10,000 to make necessary improvements, and it would involve an annual per capita tax upon all Odd Fellows of the State to maintain the Home. This, it was argued, would be an unnecessary burden upon poor lodges, and lodges having no indigent members. The majority report was sustained by a vote of 114 to 100.

The Grand Lodge elected the following officers: Grand Master, Henry J. Meloch, of Jersey City. Deputy Grand Master, E. O. Bussing, of Lyndhurst; Grand Secretary, Lewis Parker, of Trenton; Grand Treasurer, Joseph R. Deacon, of Bordentown; Grand Warden, Harry H. Paine, of Camden, and Grand Representative, August Grossman. 225 subordinate lodges in the State, the other

#### CERTIFICATES SIGNED IN BLANK.

SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE ELECTION LAW CHARGED.

Hackensack, Nov. 16 (Special).-James Young, of Woodridge, was arrested to-day on a warrant sworn out before Justice Heath charging him with violating the Election law, the complainant being George Ricardo, an election officer in the Third Ward. The law requires that all persons whose names are not in the registry list after it has been revised by the local canvassers must go personally before the County Board of Elections and get a certificate directing the precinct election officers

to register them.
It is charged that the County Board of Elections Signed some of these certificates in blank, and that Young, who is a member of the Board, tore them from the book and save them to a Democratio ward worker, who filled in the blanks with names of unregistered voters on Election Day, thus getting their votes in. Young was released under \$500 ball

bail.

The penalty for the offence is three years' imprisonment or a fine of \$3,000, or both. It is now declared that the County Board of Elections filled out a number of certificates and gave them to politicians of both parties without having before them the persons named in the certifica NEVER RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS.

Plainfield, Nov. 16 (Special).-Carl Bohm, the young farmer who tried to kill his wife and then young farmer who the head, on Tuesday afternoon, at his home in Rahway Road, died this morning at the Muhlenberg Hospital. He never recovered consciousness. Bohm leaves a wife and four children without means of support. He was twenty-nine PRESIDENT SHORN OF HIS POWERS.

## South Orange, Nov. 16 (Special) .- At a special neeting of the South Orange Board of Village Trus tees last night the rules were revised, the power of appointing the committees was taken away from the president and the latter immediately resigned, the president and the latter immediately resigned. Messrs. Campbell. Taylor. Weeks and Farnsworth voted for the new rules and Messrs. Meade and Sinclair in the negative. As soon as the vote was announced President Eugene V. Connett protested and resigned and Philip H. Campbell was appointed president pro tem. He and Mr. Farnsworth were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Connett and endeavor to prevail on him to reconsider his action before the next regular meeting of the committee, or Monday night.

A CHILD BURNED TO DEATH. Paterson, Nov. 16 (Special) .-- Mrs. Daniel Campil, of No. 156 Slater-st., went out marketing this afternoon, leaving her seven-year-old daughter, Lillian, alone in the house. The little girl went Lillian, alone in the house. The little girl went into the kitchen, and her dress caught fire at the stove. Her screams attracted the firemen from the engine house opposite, but before they could succeed in beating out the flames which enveloped the little one she became unconscious, and she died after being taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

#### Paterson, Nov. 16 (Special).-Henry Merritt, machinist, nineteen years old, employed at the Rogers locomotive shops, was instantly killed while

A WORKMAN'S HEAD CRUSHED.

regers incomotive shops, was instantly killed while at work this morning. It is not known how the accident happened, but it is believed that the car-riage of a steel planing machine struck him, and that, losing his balance, his head fell in front of the carriage, which crushed him against an iron pillar, mashing his head into a pulp. ROUGHS ATTACK A PRIEST. Paterson, Nov. 16 (Special).-Some roughs assaulted Father Callan, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Saulted Father Callan, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, last evening. A fair is being held at the parochial school, and a number of rowdies who had been making a disturbance were ejected by the janitor, Thomas Matthews. The roughs

# by the janitor, Thomas statutews. The foughs attacked the janitor, and when the priest came to Matthews's assistance the crowd turned upon him. One of the roughs huried a stone that struck Father Callan on the head, inflicting an ugly gash, from which blood flowed profusely. The rowdles then made their escape. A VETERAN OF TWO WARS DEAD.

John C. Leyh, a veteran of two wars, died on Monday night at his home in Herman-ave., Guttenburg. He was seventy-eight years old, and served in the Mexican and Civil wars. The old soldier lived in Guttenburg for twenty-five years. He leaves a widow. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon.

#### AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS. From The London Daily News.

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Municipal authorities are contemplating the adoption, in connection with their fire brigades, of an ingenious automatic fire alarm. It is known as the 'Pearson thermostat'—after the name of the inventor. The system is to place these thermostats in various parts of the building, connect them by electric wires to a transmitter code box at the entrance of a building, which in turn communicates with the fire stations. In the event of an outbreak of fire the heated atmosphere at once affects the sensitive thermostat, which is a kind of especially constructed thermometer, an alarm bell is rung and the number of the room recorded on an indicator placed in a prominent part of the building. At the same time the fire brigade is informed where the fire has occurred. The postofice licensed the system some time ago, and it is now being considered by municipal authorities and introduced into a constance rates. At the instance of the Northampton Corporation a demonstration will be given tomorrow in that town with a view to the adoption of the system. The Manchester Corporation is also putting it to the test, and it may be introduced throughout the city. The system can be carried to the extent of having an alarm fixed to the door of each house.